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SUBJECT: 28TH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY: HEALTH OF REFUGEES
IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

REFS: (A) GENEVA 3060, (B) GENEVA 2940, (C) GENEVA 2444,
(D) GENEVA 2522, (E) STATE 079817

1. ON BASIS REPORTS SO FAR RECEIVED, DEPARTMENT UNDER-
STANDS THAT CURRENT SITUATION RE SUBJECT ITEM AT WHA IS AS
FOLLOWS: A. DIRECTOR GENERAL MAHLER BELIEVES (GENEVA
2444) THAT EGYPTIANS ARE NOT LOOKING FOR A CONFRONTATION
AND THAT THEIR PLAN IS TO INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION WHICH
ESSENTIALLY WOULD REPEAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTION
ON THE SAME SUBJECT ADOPTED AT LAST YEAR'S WHA; I.E., ONE
WHICH (1) CONDEMNED ISRAEL, (2) ASKED FOR EARLY ADMISSION
OF THREE-MEMBER SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO THE OCCUPIED TERRI-
TORIES, AND (3) ASKING FOR A MORE ACTIVE WHO ROLE IN PRO-
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VIDING HEALTH SERVICES TO REFUGEE AND DISPLACED PERSONS.
WE UNDERSTAND FURTHER THAT MAHLER BELIEVES THAT THE BEST
APPROACH IS TO PLAY IT COOL, THAT WE AVOID ANY APPROACH TO
ARABS, AND THAT THE BEST STRATEGY IS TO TAKE NO ACTION BUT

INSURE THAT THE ISRAELIS ARE FULLY COGNIZANT OF THE DELICATE NATURE OF THE SITUATION. SUBSEQUENTLY, FROM GENEVA'S 2940 WE LEARNED THAT MAHLER VISITED ALGERIA BUT DID NOT DISCUSS THE SUBJECT THERE. B. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ISRAELI AMBASSADOR RONN IS NOT AS SANGUINE AS MAHLER ABOUT RESULTS

OF POSSIBLE ARAB MOVES AT THE WHA, BUT AS FAR AS WE KNOW HAS NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT ANY ATTEMPT TO INVOKE ARTICLE 7. C. WE GATHER, TOO, THAT CERTAIN SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED OVER POSSIBLE ARTICLE 7 BUT THAT THE MISSION HAS NO INFORMATION FROM THESE SOURCES EITHER OF ANY PARTICULAR MOVEMENT ON THE PART OF ANY DELEGATION TO IMPOSE ARTICLE 7.

2. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT IT COULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO UNDERTAKE A CAMPAIGN AT THIS TIME AMONG OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION TO ACQUAINT THEM WITH OUR APPREHENSIONS ABOUT THE IMPOSITION OF ARTICLE 7. WE THINK THERE IS WISDOM IN MAHLER'S APPROACH BUT WE HOPE AND EXPECT THAT THE MISSION WILL BE ALERT AND REPORT PROMPTLY ANY INFORMATION IT RECEIVES INDICATING CHANGE IN THE SITUATION AND A SPECIFIC INITIATIVE TO IMPOSE ARTICLE 7 AGAINST THE ISRAELIS. KISSINGER

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